Restoration and conservation work in Red Fort

1787. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has cleared the deck for restoration and conservation work in Red Fort;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the entire work is likely to be completed and the cost involved?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, an Expert Committee under the chairmanship of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India has been constituted regarding the conservation and repair works of the Red Fort. The proceedings of the committee are in progress. No work in the fort can be taken up without the written permission of the committee.

(c) The required conservation works of the Red Fort are under examination of the committee. The necessary cost estimates will be worked out after approval of the works by the Expert Committee.

Cultural Development in J&K

1788. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes undertaken for Cultural Development in J & K during the last three years ending on September 30, 2004; and

(b) the names of beneficiary NGOs as well as individuals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Culture has a number of schemes through which support is extended to persons and NGOs active in various cultural fields. The names of the schemes thrdugh which the assistance has been given in the State of J&K alongwith the names of persons/NGOs and the amount is given in the Annexure *[See* Appendix 203, Annexure No. 12].